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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP: 3713**

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the U.S. Application of

Thomas E. SAWYER et al.

Group Art Unit: 3713

U.S. Serial No. 08/918,944

Examiner: Sager, M.

Filed: August 25, 1997

For: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING AN AUXILIARY INCENTIVE GAME

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 17, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 22, 31, and 44, as follows:

22. (Amended) A method for a plurality of players to play an auxiliary game in conjunction with playing a card game with a plurality of cards[, the card game including bonus events, and the auxiliary game including a plurality of successive tiers of bonus levels,

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